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HIS PARENTS WERE KILLED WHEN HE WAS A CHILD; DWAYNE TAYLOR WAS RAISED TO BE A WALKING WEAPON IN THE WAR AGAINST CRIME. HAVING FINALLY RECONCILED WITH HIS PAST AND GAINED CONTROL OF HIS FUTURE, DWAYNE HAS GROWN UP. NOW IT'S TIME TO KNOCK SOME SENSE INTO THE REST OF THE WORLD!

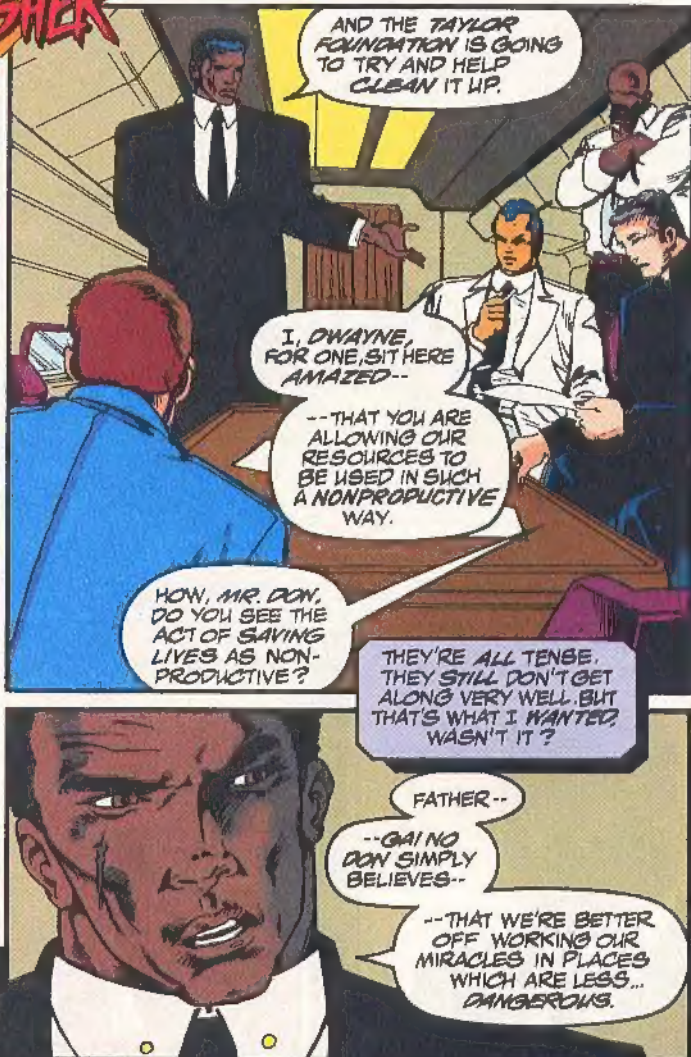
STAN LEE PRESENTS . . .

NIGHT THRASHER



THIS IS WHAT WE'RE GETTING INTO.

BOSNIA-MERIZOGOVINA IS A GARBAGE DUMP.



AND THE TAYLOR FOUNDATION IS GOING TO TRY AND HELP CLEAN IT UP.

I, DWAYNE, FOR ONE, SIT HERE AMAZED--

--THAT YOU ARE ALLOWING OUR RESOURCES TO BE USED IN SUCH A NONPRODUCTIVE WAY.

HOW, MR. DON, DO YOU SEE THE ACT OF SAVING LIVES AS NON-PRODUCTIVE?

THEY'RE ALL TENSE. THEY STILL DON'T GET ALONG VERY WELL. BUT THAT'S WHAT I WANTED, WASN'T IT?

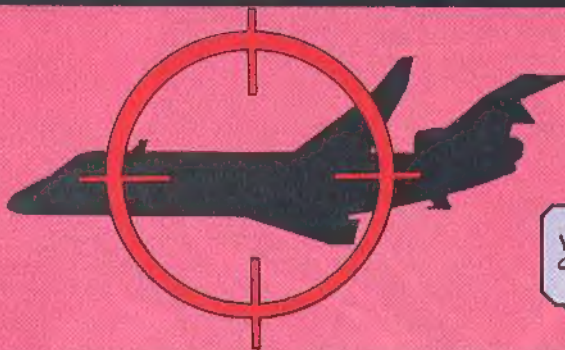
FATHER--

--GAI NO DON SIMPLY BELIEVES--

--THAT WE'RE BETTER OFF WORKING OUR MIRACLES IN PLACES WHICH ARE LESS... DANGEROUS.

THE TAYLOR FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

I PICKED THESE MEN BECAUSE I FULLY EXPECTED THAT THERE WOULD ALWAYS BE SPARKS BETWEEN THEM.



AND THAT I WOULD BE THE ONE TO FAN THE FLAMES.

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AND HERE WE ARE,
WELL ON OUR WAY
TO THE FORMER
YUGOSLAV
REPUBLIC--


--BRINGING
MUCH-NEEDED
TECHNOLOGICAL
AID--

HAWK-LEADER,
THIS TARGET HAS
BEEN MODIFIED.

I CONFIRM
THAT, TACTICAL-
ONE.

Dwayne Taylor
Chief Executive Officer;

Taylor
Foundation



Andrew Chord
Chief Operating Officer;

Taylor
Foundation



Walter Rosen
Chief Operating Officer;

Genetech
Research
Laboratory



SPROCKET,
HUH? I THINK
CLENDENON
WENT OUT WITH
HER FOR A
WHILE.

HAWK-
LEADER, THE
IDENTIFICATION
IS A LOCK.

WE'RE STILL
WAITING FOR
CLEARANCE
FROM THE
NEST...

DO WE
PUT THE
BIRDS IN
FLIGHT?

--AND THE ONLY
PEOPLE STOPPING
US FROM BRINGING
A LITTLE SANITY
TO AN INSANE PART
OF THE WORLD--

--IS US!

THE READ-OUTS
ARE SHOWING
SOME SPECS WHICH
SIMPLY ARE NOT
PART OF THE
STANDARD LEAP
DESIGN.

GIVE US AN
INTERNAL,
TACTICAL-
SIX.

LET'S
SEE WHO
THE QUARRY
ARE.

Father Michael Janes
Catholic Priest;
Church of the Apostle



Gal No Don
Chief Executive Officer;

Serpent
Worldwide



Amelia Barnhardt
(a.k.a. Sprocket)
Pilot,
Chauffeur,
Mechanic

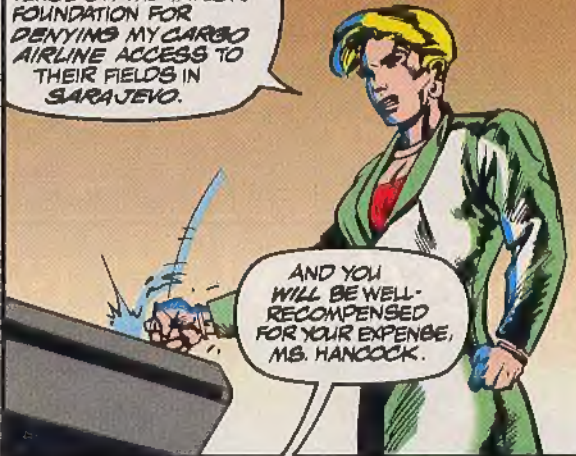


WELL--?
WHY AREN'T
YOUR MEN
AIRBORNE
YET?!

IN DUE
TIME, MS.
HANCOCK.

I PAID YOUR ORGANI-
ZATION VERY GOOD
MONEY TO EXACT RE-
VENGE ON THE TAYLOR
FOUNDATION FOR
DENYING MY CARGO
AIRLINE ACCESS TO
THEIR FIELDS IN
SARAJEVO.

AND YOU
WILL BE WELL-
RECOMPENSED
FOR YOUR EXPENSE,
MS. HANCOCK.



"BUT BEFORE WE SET THE BIRDS IN FLIGHT, WE MUST BE FULLY INFORMED OF THE PREY'S CAPABILITIES."



... ON THE OTHER HAND DWAYNE, I FEEL AS IF WE AREN'T DOING ENOUGH.

THE TECHNOLOGICAL AID WE PROVIDE NOW, MIKE--

--IS ONLY GOING TO HELP US GET THE HUMANITARIAN RELIEF TO THE PEOPLE WHO NEED IT THE MOST WITH A LOT LESS HASSLE.

DWAYNE, I NEED YER PERKY BUTT HERE.

EXCUSE ME. SPROCKET'S CALLING.

SPROCK--I'M TRYING REAL HARD TO BE BUSINESSLIKE WITH THEM BACK THERE--YOU'RE NOT HELPING, YOU KNOW.

WE GOT TROUBLE.

SOMETHIN'S COMIN' TOWARDS US.

SOMETHINGS? WHAT DOES THAT MEAN, EXACTLY?

HOW THE #\$@% SHOULD I KNOW -- I'M GETTING NO SIGNATURE LOCK--

--WHICH MAKES IT A UFO--

--WHICH MEANS **SOMETHIN'**, I DON'T KNOW WHAT, IS COMIN' DOWN ON US LIKE DIARRHEA AFTER MEXICAN FOOD!

THE HIGH GROUND

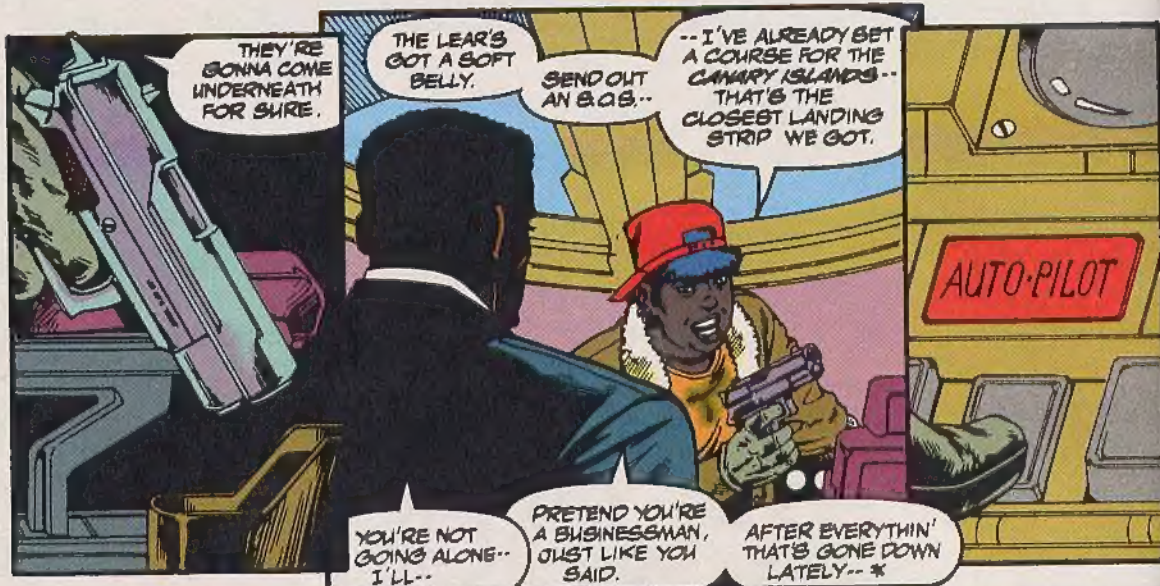
"BUT WHATEVER
THE ~~300~~ IT
IS, KID--"

"--IT'S
BIG!!"

RADAR TRACKS
FOUR SMALLER
OBJECTS EMERGING
FROM WHATEVER
IS ABOVE US.

FOUR VERY
FAST
OBJECTS.

SPROCKET'S RIGHT.
THIS IS TROUBLE.



THEY'RE GONNA COME UNDERNEATH FOR SURE.

THE LEAR'S GOT A SOFT BELLY.

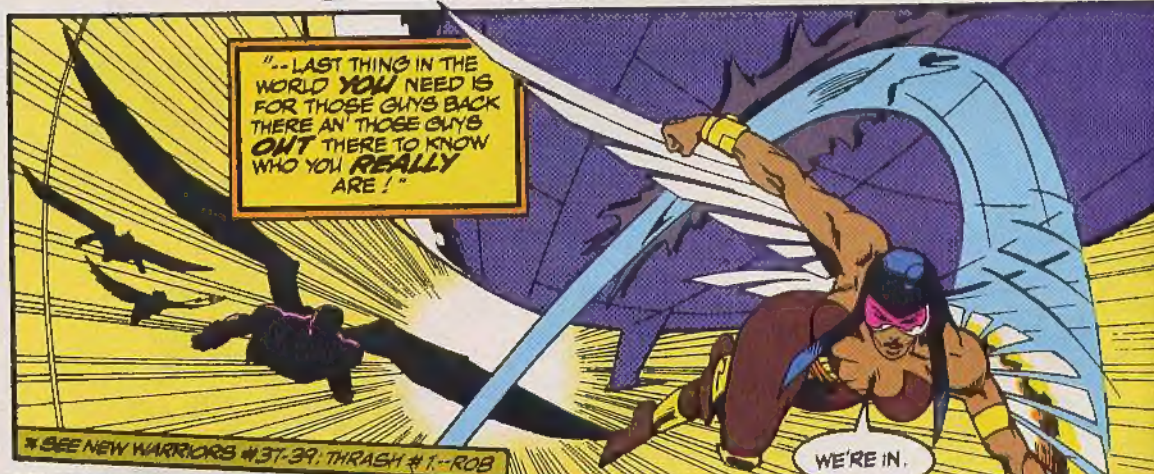
SEND OUT AN S.O.B..

--I'VE ALREADY SET A COURSE FOR THE CANARY ISLANDS-- THAT'S THE CLOSEST LANDING STRIP WE GOT.

YOU'RE NOT GOING ALONE-- I'LL--

PRETEND YOU'RE A BUSINESSMAN, JUST LIKE YOU SAID.

AFTER EVERYTHIN' THAT'S GONE DOWN LATELY-- *



"--LAST THING IN THE WORLD **YOU** NEED IS FOR THOSE GUYS BACK THERE AN' THOSE GUYS **OUT** THERE TO KNOW WHO YOU **REALLY** ARE!"

* SEE NEW WARRIORS #37-39, THRASH #1 -- ROB

WE'RE IN.



I GOT POINT. I JUST LOVE PLAYING SUITS AND TIES TO PIECES.

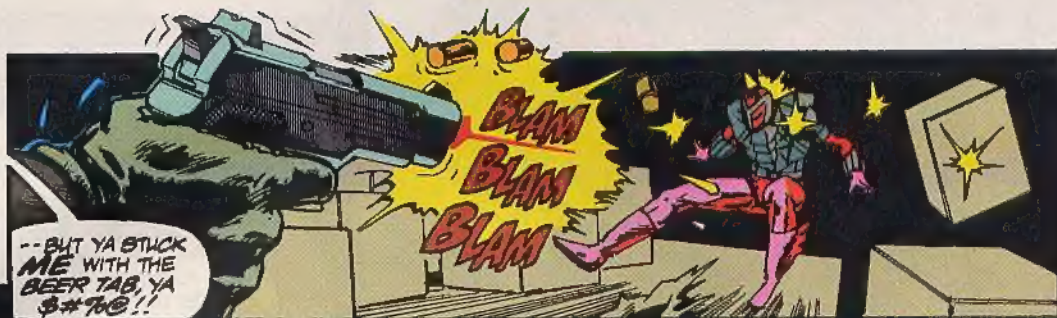
CHIK!

CLENDENON-- ?!

YOU MOTHER @ \$!%IN' PIECE A' CRUD-PIE!!

BLAM
BLAM
BLAM

BAD ENUFF YA LEFT ME LIKE YA DID BACK IN RHODESIA--



SHRVEEKCH

AIR FORCE
ONE TO AIR
COMMAND, ORACLE
ON - LINE.

WE'RE
SECURE.

NO FURTHER
OPPOSITIONS
SIGHTED.

AN' IT LOOKS LIKE
THE DWEEBS IN THE
ARMANI SHITS AIN'T
GONNA PUT UP MUCH
OF A FIGHT, HUH?

LOOK AT YOU,
CHORD! FIGURES,
YOU BECOME A SHIRT
AN' TIE AN' HIRE
SPROCKET T' PLAY
HOUSE WITH.



TO TELL
YOU THE
TRUTH,
CLEN-
DENON...

... I'M BETTER
OFF ON THIS
SIDE OF THE
COIN...

... HELPING
PEOPLE, THAN
YOU ARE ON
YOURS.

NO,
YOU'RE
NOT.

KRAK

OH, THAT JUST
MADE YOU SUCH
A TOUGH GUY.

ME AND
SPARROW
WILL CHECK
THE COCKPIT.



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MANHATTAN,
NEW YORK.

He's a fool for
stoppin' their relation-
ship like he did.

She's home.
Alone, livin'
above a
restaurant.

How can you leave
someone who's so
lonely alone?

YOU'RE MORE
BEAUTIFUL IN
PERSON THAN
IN ANY PICTURE
I SAW.

WHO...?

IT'S A SHAME
HE NEVER TOOK
THE TIME TO SEE
YOU THE WAY I
DO.

She moves
like
mercury.

So what I
heard **WAS**
true--she's
got powers,
too

Disappears
into the
shadows...

...but she
leaves her
clothes
behind?

Well, this
sure has
possibili-
ties

WHOA,
MOMMA--!

AND IT'S EVEN MORE OF
A SHAME, **SILHOUETTE**,
THAT HE'S AFRAID TO
SEE YOU--

--THIS
WAY!

I DON'T
WANNA FIGHT

I'M SORRY
FOR SCARING
YOU LIKE
THIS

I JUST
WANTED
TO...

...I **NEEDED**
TO MEET YOU IN
PERSON

--DWAYNE
TAYLOR--

AND NOW THAT
I HAVE, I KNOW
THAT IF HE LET
SOMEONE LIKE
YOU SLIP
THROUGH HIS
FINGERS--

--IS A BIGGER
IDiot THAN I
THOUGHT!

WAIT--!

WHO ARE
YOU?

ABOVE THE ATLANTIC..

OUR DESCENT IS STALLED.

THEY MUST HAVE DISENGAGED THE AUTO-PILOT SETTING

WHERE ARE THEY TAKING US ?

WHY ARE THEY HERE TO BEGIN WITH ?

WITHOUT MY ARMOR ON-BOARD THE ONLY WAY TO STOP THESE GUNYS IS TO ELIMINATE THEIR ARMOR

THIS BROADCAST ARRAY WAS MEANT FOR THE UNITED NATIONS FORCES IN SARAJEVO

IT TRACKS AND IDENTIFIES TRANSMISSION SIGNALS, HELPING TO DETERMINE FRIEND OR FOE--

WHAT LITTLE I KNOW OF THE AIR FORCE PEGS THEM AS MERCHANTMEN FOR HIRE, STRICTLY AERIAL ASSAULTS AND PIRACY

AND THE CARGO HOLD HAS JUST THE THING I NEED TO HELP EVEN OUT THE ODDS.

-- AND KEEPS THE AIR ROUTES FOR RELIEF AID OPEN

BUT IF I CAN USE IT TO SCAN THE IMMEDIATE AREA--

-- I SHOULD BE ABLE TO LOCK-ON TO THE CYBERNETIC WAVELENGTH SIGNALS --

-- BEING USED BY THE AIR FORCE ARMORS

I'M ON-LINE GOOD

TECHNIK

THE CARGO HOLD DOOR--?!

ONLY ONE
OF THEM
BETTER

LOOKS LIKE Tanager.
NOVA FOUGHT HER
BEFORE SAID SHE USES
MECHANICALLY CREATED
SONIC DISRUPTIONS.

WILL THAT RIP
APART THE INSIDE
OF THE PLANE'S
CARGO BAY?

CAN'T TAKE THE
CHANCE. WAIT FOR
HER TO COME TO
ME...

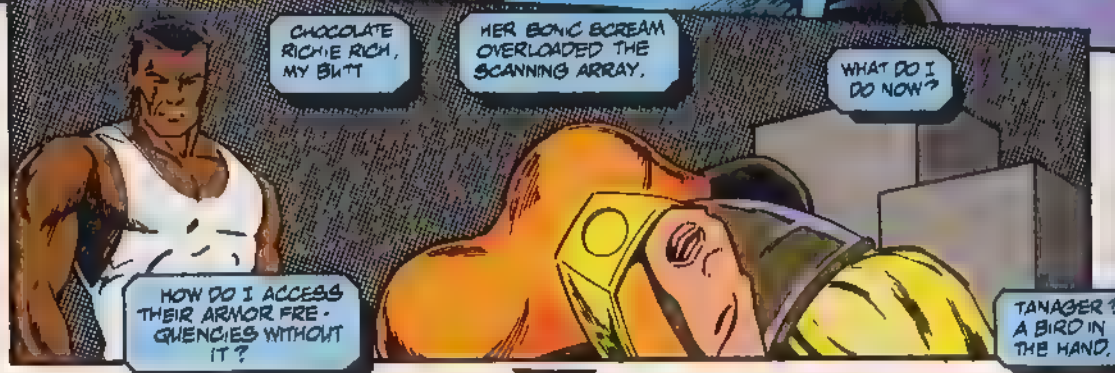
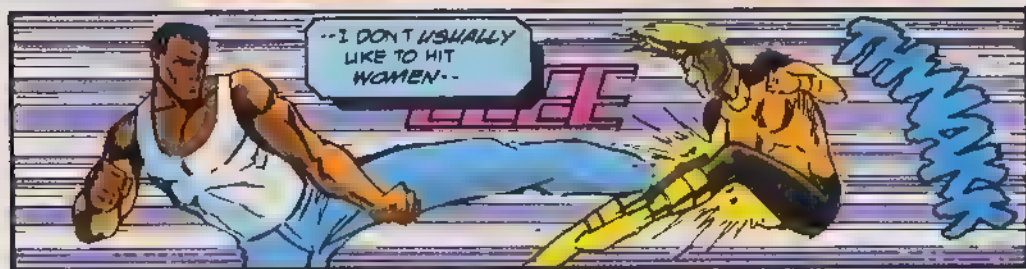
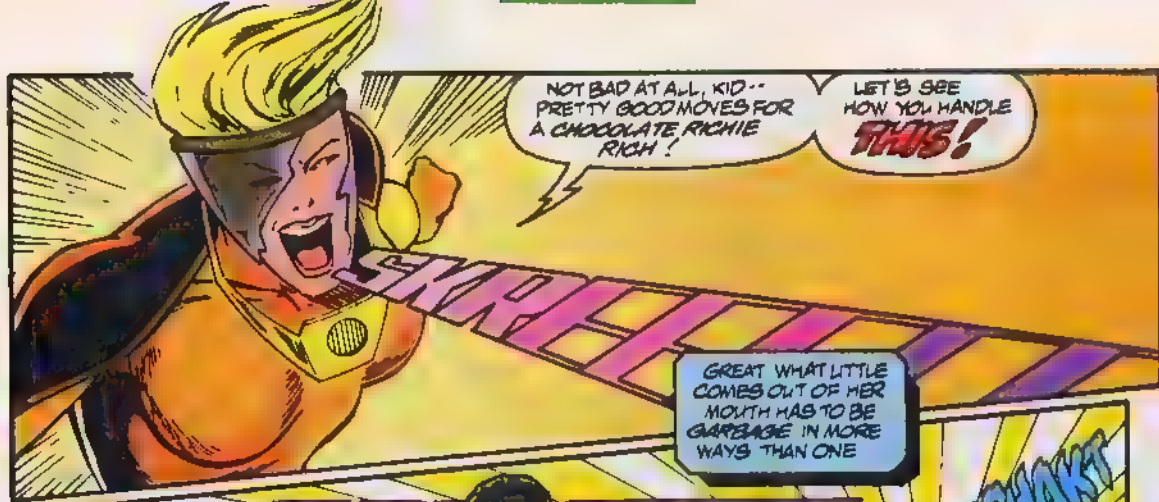
THE COMPUTER
SCREEN LIGHTS...?!
DUMB.

...COME ON..
ONE MORE
STEP...

OH,
\$@#%&...!

THWACK!

KRAK!

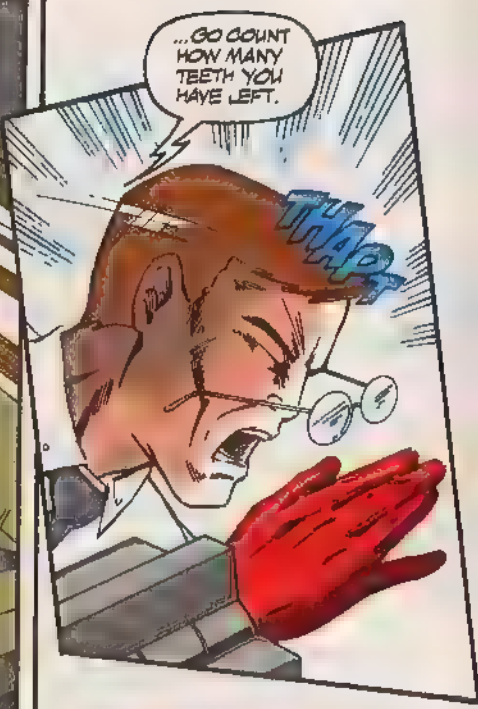




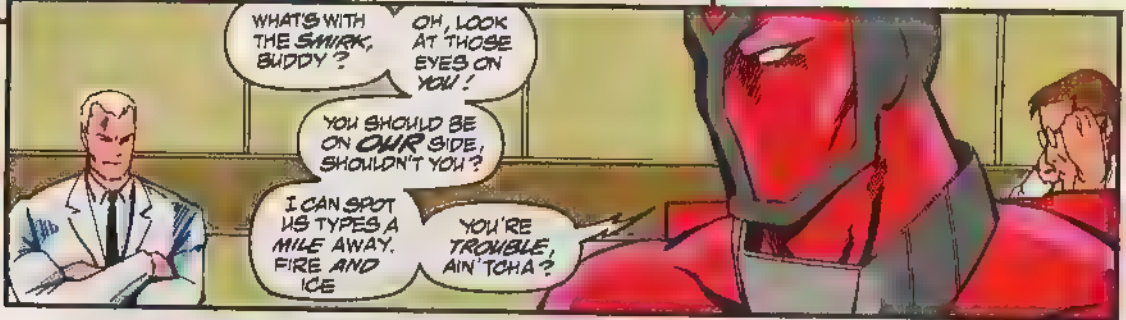
I REALLY MUST PROTEST THE TREATMENT WE'VE RECEIVED!

WHO ARE YOU PEOPLE? WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?

DO ME A FAVOR, GALILEO..



...GO COUNT HOW MANY TEETH YOU HAVE LEFT.



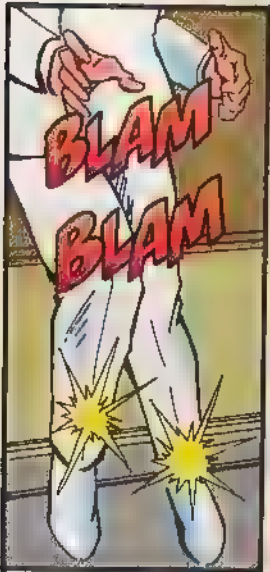
WHAT'S WITH THE SMIRK, BUDDY?

OH, LOOK AT THOSE EYES ON YOU!

YOU SHOULD BE ON OUR SIDE, SHOULDN'T YOU?

I CAN SPOT HIS TYPES A MILE AWAY. FIRE AND ICE

YOU'RE TROUBLE, AIN' TCHA?



YOU ARE INSANE! HE DID NOTHING TO YOU!

BUT HE MIGHTA ALWAYS COVER YOUR BETS, EINSTEIN.



BUT TO DO IT IN SO COWARDLY A FASHION..

..IS THAT WHAT YOU STAND FOR?

ALL THE DIFFICULTIES YOU'VE HAD IN LIFE, ALL THAT HARD-BITTEN EXPERIENCE--

--AND **THIS** IS ALL YOU USE IT FOR?

I EARN
MY PAYCHECK,
PADRE.

WHAT ABOUT YOU?
PERFORM ANY LAST
RYTES, LATELY?

YOU BEEN DEATH
THIS UP-CLOSE
BEFORE?

DA NANG AND
HAI PHONG.
SEVENTY TO
SEVENTY-THREE

BAN ME THUOT.
SIXTY-SEVEN AND
EIGHT.

THOUGHT SO
NO ABSOLUTION
FOR ANYONE
WHO WAS IN
'NAM. IS THERE,
PADRE?

OF COURSE THERE IS,
SON... IF YOU'RE WILLING
TO ASK FOR IT... AND
WILLING TO WORK
TOWARDS IT.

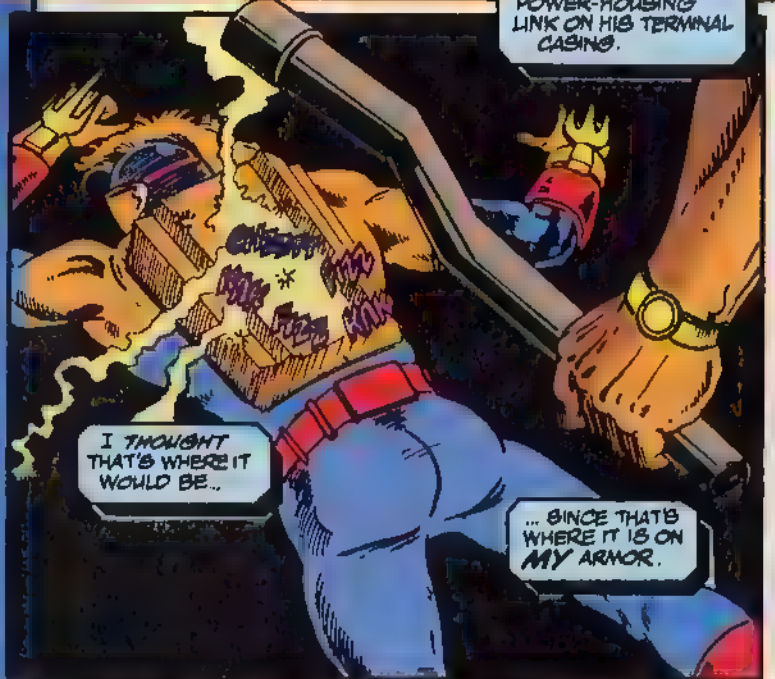
GUNFIRE IN
THE PASSENGER
BAY.

WAS SOMEONE
KILLED? SPROCKET
OR CHORD?

PUT IT OUT
OF YOUR HEAD.
OWT.

TOO MANY VOLATILE
PERSONALITIES
DOWN THERE TO KEEP
THIS SITUATION FROM
EXPLODING.

WHICH MEANS
I HAVE TO MOVE
FASTER.



I HAVE TO REMIND MYSELF TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT.

FOR NOW, THOUGH, I CAN USE ORIOLE'S SYSTEMS --

--TO WORK ON MY IDEA FROM THE OUTSIDE-IN, INSTEAD OF THE INSIDE-OUT.

AND HOPEFULLY USE TANAGER'S HELMET, WHICH WAS IN THE BAG --

--AND SEE IF I CAN OVERRIDE ORIOLE'S SYSTEMS USING TANAGER'S COMMAND CONTROLS



ACTIVATE WING-ASSEMBLY

OKAY, THAT TAKES CARE OF THE BABY STEPS.

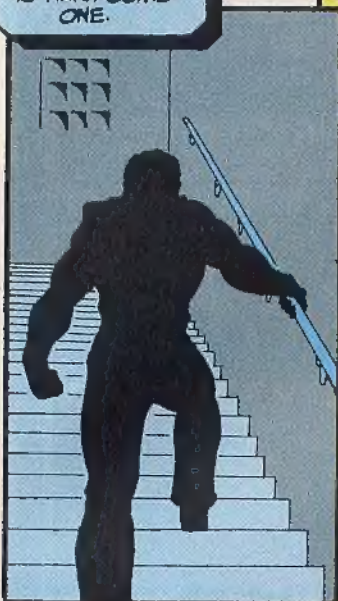
NOW TO TAKE ONE GIANT LEAP FOR DWAYNE-KIND

FSHKKKT

Access Link Available to Aviary Capable Flight Exoskeleton: On-Line: Awaiting Command!.

SO I GUESS MY WISH IS ALSO MY COMMAND, ISN'T IT?

LET'S PUT AN END TO THIS, BEFORE I REALLY HAVE TO HURT SOME-ONE.



WING ASSEMBLY
OVERRIDE--
OPERATIVE: SPARROW--
EMERGENCY FULL
EXTENSION!



...YOU'LL
BE IN A
FULL-BODY
CAST!



WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM?

HE JUST FROZE--

MY ARMOR SYSTEMS ARE LOCKED, ENRICO FERMI--

--BUT I AMN'T DEAD--

--AN' I CAN SEE YOUR FRAGGIN' HAND JUST **FINE**--

--SO STOP WAVIN' IT IN FRONT OF MY FACE!

WOULD IT BE COMPLETELY UNETHICAL OF ME TO HIT HIM OR SOMETHING RIGHT NOW?

NOT IF YOU DON'T MIND BREAKING YOUR HAND ON HIS FACEPLATE, WALTER.

YOU'RE BLEEDING PRETTY BADLY, DON.



SO WE SET A COURSE FOR THE CANARY ISLANDS, AGAIN.

TOO MANY OF YOU NEED MEDICAL ATTENTION TO AVOID THE DELAY.

IS THERE A PRISON THERE CAPABLE OF KEEPING THESE ANIMALS LOCKED UP?



I DON'T KNOW IF WE'LL BE NEEDING THAT, WALT.



WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? OF COURSE WE WILL!

WE MAY BE ABLE
TO PUT THESE FOUR
TO BETTER USE.

CHIK
KUK

POSSITI

"BETTER
USE"--?

WHAT THE ~~#\$%&*~~
IS THAT SUPPOSED
TO MEAN, TWERP?

I CAN MAKE
YOU AN OFFER.

TANANGER TOOK OUT
A VERY IMPORTANT
PIECE OF EQUIP-
MENT--

--WE WERE BRINGING
TO THE U.N. TROOPS IN
SARAJEVO.

AN EARLY-DETECTION-
SCANNER FOR
IDENTIFYING HOSTILE
AIRCRAFT.

THE FOUR OF
YOU CAN REPLACE
THAT EQUIPMENT.

EXACTLY WHY
THE ~~#\$%&*~~
WOULD WE WANT
TO DO THAT?

IS *THIS*
A GOOD
ENOUGH
REASON?

LOOK AT
THESE
PICTURES.

LOOK AT THE
FACE OF WAR,
CLEDENON!

LOOK AT WHAT IT
DOES TO PEOPLE--
WHAT *YOU* DO TO
PEOPLE BY PROFITING
FROM IT!

LOOK AT IT IN A
NEW WAY--UP-CLOSE
AND PERSONAL--INSTEAD
OF FROM A PERCH HIGH
UP IN THE SKY!

THE OFFER AS IT
STANDS--AIR FORCE
REPLACES THE EDS
SYSTEM UNTIL THE
TAYLOR FOUNDATION CAN
OBTAIN A NEW ONE!

THE U.N. COMMAND HAS THE OVERRIDE FREQUENCIES TO YOUR ARMORS ON FILE, TO PREVENT ANY FOUL PLAY ON YOUR PART.

THIS WAY, WHETHER BY HOOK OR CROOK--

-- YOU CAN ACTUALLY USE YOUR ABILITIES TO MAKE A **POSITIVE** DIFFERENCE IN PEOPLE'S LIVES!

I'D RATHER TAKE MY CHANCES IN JAIL.

WHY WOULD I DO THAT? JUST SO YOU COULD GET **SPRINGS** AGAIN?

NO, IF YOU DON'T ACCEPT MY OFFER, I'LL JUST LET THE FOUR OF YOU FLY FREE.

WHOEVER SAID ANYTHING ABOUT **JAIL**?

BUT YOU SEE... I STILL HAVE CONTROL OF YOUR ARMORS...

... AND WE **ARE** PRETTY HIGH UP OVER THE MIDDLE OF THE ATLANTIC...

...SO I GUESS WE'LL **ALL** GET TO SEE IF A BIRD CAN FLY...

...WHEN ITS WINGS ARE **CLIPPED**...

SO, TAYLOR...

...WHAT'S THE WEATHER LIKE IN SARAJEVO THIS TIME OF YEAR?

Next issue: "Face Value"—It may change the way you see the colors black and white!